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# House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. Culberson).

## DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

I hereby appoint the Honorable John Abney Culberson to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord our God, having been refreshed by the celebration of the independence of this Nation and having been renewed in the spirit of those who planted the seeds of liberty and equal justice in the soul of America, let this summer session of the 108th Congress of the United States begin with Your blessing.

As Members return to Capitol Hill, fill this place with the divine vision of Ezekiel, the prophet. May this lofty view shape our future.

On this day, may Your all-powerful hand come upon this Chamber and this country, that the long-term building of an everlasting city of truth and justice be realized. The dream of America, the last best hope for the world, seems utopian only if we rely solely on ourselves or our own power.

But with You and in You all things are possible. So we place our trust in You, Lord God. Help us build with Your vision in mind, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 4200. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4613. An act making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2401. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 2402. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for military construction, and for other purposes.

S. 2403. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2005 for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and for other purposes.

#### PRIVATE CALENDAR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is Private Calendar Day. The Clerk will call the first individual bill on the Private Calendar.

#### TANYA ANDREA GOUDEAU

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 530) for the relief of Tanya Andrea Goudeau.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill as follows:

H.R. 530

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

### SECTION 1. IMMEDIATE RELATIVE STATUS FOR TANYA ANDREA GOUDEAU.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Tanya Andrea Goudeau shall be classified as a child under section 101(b)(1)(E) of the Immigration and Nationality Act for purposes of approval of a relative visa petition filed under section 204 of such Act by her adoptive parent and the filing of an application for an immigrant visa or adjustment of status.

(b) ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS.—If Tanya Andrea Goudeau enters the United States before the filing deadline specified in subsection (c), she shall be considered to have entered and remained lawfully and shall, if otherwise eligible, be eligible for adjustment of status under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES.—Subsections (a) and (b) shall apply only if the petition and the application for issuance of an immigrant visa or the application for adjustment of status are filed with appropriate fees within 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(d) REDUCTION OF IMMIGRANT VISA NUMBER.—Upon the granting of an immigrant visa or permanent residence to Tanya Andrea Goudeau, the Secretary of State shall instruct the proper officer to reduce by 1, for the current or next following fiscal year, the worldwide level of family-sponsored immigrants under section 201(c)(1)(A) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

(e) DENIAL OF PREFERENTIAL IMMIGRATION TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.—The natural parents, brothers, and sisters of

 $\square$  This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g.,  $\square$  1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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